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SUBJECT: EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN

REF: STATE -A-4058, STUTTGART'S 0613, STUTTGART'S A-85

1. SUBSEQUENT TO DESPATCH OF 0613 AND A-85, STUTTGART HAS RECEIVED TWO ADDITIONAL RESPONSES ON RULES OF ORIGIN PROBLEM. BOTH INDICATE POTENTIAL DAMAGE. EACH FIRM PREFERS TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS AT PRESENT.

2. FIRM A, A LARGE MULTINATIONAL MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, EXPORTS THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT COMMODITIES VALUED AT ABOUT DM 50 MILLION ANNUALLY TO EFTA COUNTRIES. HITHERTO, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE GERMAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTING THE FIRM'S

DECLARATIONS OF ORIGIN WITHOUT BACKUP DOCUMENTATION. HOWEVER, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 1974, ENFORCEMENT WILL BE TIGHTENED AND THE FIRM WILL HAVE TO DOCUMENT ITS DECLARATIONS. BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL AND COMPETITIVE FACTORS, FIRM A WILL NOT FIND IT EASY TO SHIFT PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS AND HENCE ANTICIPATES AN EVENTUAL LOSS OF SALES TO EFTA CUSTOMERS.

3. FIRM B, ANOTHER LARGE PRODUCER OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, HAS NOT YET EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF R/O, BUT IS APPREHENSIVE THAT THE RULES WILL BE MORE STRICTLY ENFORCED AS THE JULY 1977 ZERO-TARIFF DATE APPROACHES OF PROTECTION CURRENTLY AFFORDED BY THE TARIFF.

4. BOTH FIRMS WILL KEEP US APPRISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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